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Montpelier – Vermont State Treasurer Jeb Spaulding is spreading the word that investors interested in buying State of Vermont tax-free bonds should contact their local broker right away.

The State of Vermont will be issuing \$14.5 million in “Citizen” and “Citizen Environmental” Bonds on Wednesday, March 7, and they will be available for purchase from local brokers throughout the state. Spaulding advised that any interested residents should contact a broker without delay, because availability of the bonds may be limited. He also cautioned that purchasing tax-free bonds is not an appropriate choice for all investors.

“Folks who may need their money before the bonds mature or who are in lower tax brackets may be better off investing elsewhere,” Spaulding explained.

“Citizen Bonds have been popular investments for Vermonters because they are free from state and federal taxes, they are available in smaller denominations than usual, and they are an investment in Vermont. This year we have also broken out \$5 million for Citizen Environmental Bonds which will be used to support efforts such as the Clean and Clear Initiative to clean up Lake Champlain’s waters,” Spaulding explained.

Vermont Citizen Bonds are reserved for Vermont residents and are available in denominations as low as \$1,000. Interest on the bonds will be paid semi-annually and the principal will be paid on the date of maturity. This year’s Citizen Bonds will mature on July 15 in the years 2007-2016.

To purchase Citizen Bonds and for more information, Vermonters should contact brokers such as A.G. Edwards, Citigroup, Edward Jones, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, UBS, and Wachovia Securities.

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